NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Lake Springfield and Sugar Creek Watershed

(Sangamon, Morgan, and Macoupin Counties)

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Bureau of Water will hold a public meeting on

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 (9:00 am)

at the

Lake Springfield Beach House 240 Long Bay Drive Springfield, Illinois

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for the public to receive information and comment on the draft Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) concerning impairments within the Lake Springfield and Sugar Creek Watershed. A TMDL has been developed for TP for Lake Springfield (RFF). In addition for Watershed Planning purposes a Load Reduction Strategy (LRS) has been developed for TP (Sugar Creek - EOA-06), and TSS (Lake Springfield - RFF) waterbody segments.

This report includes watershed characterization, data analysis, pollutant loading capacity analysis, LRS, and an implementation plan that have been used to determine the reductions necessary to meet designated uses and water quality standards.

The IEPA implements the TMDL program in accordance with Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act. A TMDL is the sum of the allowable amounts of a single pollutant (phosphorus, metals, etc.) that a waterbody can receive from all contributing sources and still meet water quality standards or designated uses.

Stakeholders and participants will also be asked for input on potential Section 319 nonpoint source Best Management Practice projects that could be included as part of the implementation plan in the final draft Stage 3 report. The draft Stage 3 report for Lake Springfield and Sugar Creek Watershed will be available on-line at www.epa.state.il.us/public-notices.. A hard copy of the draft report will be available for viewing at the Chatham Public Library, Auburn Public Library, and City Water Light & Power (CWLP) - Property Management Center (200 East Lake Shore Drive), during business hours.

Questions about the TMDL should be directed to the project manager, Brian Willard by phone at 217-782-3362 or email Brian.Willard@Illinois.gov or contact Abel Haile (see contact information below).

Closure of the Meeting Record

The meeting record will close as of midnight, April 8, 2017. Written comments need not be notarized but must be postmarked before midnight and mailed to:

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